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THE OPENING - see page 3

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News and Notes

A Thank You Letter:

Dear Fellow Supporters,

Many thanks to the people who have sent in stamps. I have had a couple of very good finds.

Since my letter in the last issue of The Pioneer, we have made about $70 from stamp sales.

So please keep sending them in, no matter what they are.

V. McKune

In The Work Force:

Two more Officers have moved into the area of Industrial Chaplaincy.

They are Captain David Hinchliffe and Sister Pat Free, who are working as Chaplains at companies in the Sydney area, on a part-time basis.

On The Move:

With the end of the year approaching, some Officers are on the move. Captain and Mrs. John Harding are leaving the Parish of Hurstville, N.S.W., and Captain and Mrs. Kevin Cullen are leaving their present base of Lismore, in northern N.S.W.

As well, the three new Officers (see page 3) are waiting on confirmation of their first appointments.

Officers agree to serve anywhere in Australia. Please pray for these Officers and for Federal Office Staff, while positions are being negotiated.

An English Visitor:

How lovely it was to see Sister Parsons recently. Sister came from England in early 1935 to begin the Australian Church Army Sisters' work, and planned to stay a short while. She returned to England in 1966!

She came to Australia in September, for a six weeks' trip, and attended an informal gathering of some Sydney Officers and wives. Sister has followed the Australian work with much interest since she left in 1966, and appreciated meeting "old" friends, and making the acquaintance of Officers and students who have come into the Church Army more recently.

Much of her time with the Australian Society was spent in Newcastle, and this trip provided opportunities to meet with many friends there, while staying with long-standing Church Army friends, Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh, of Birmingham Gardens.

Back left: Captain Doug Quayle
Centre, from left: the Rev. Graeme MacRobb, Sister Lyn Russell, Sister Parsons, Mrs. Barbara Mattinson, Captain Gilbert Page.
Front, from left: Mrs. Jenny MacRobb, Captain Brian Mattinson, Mrs. Ruth Page.

A MESSAGE

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of our work during 1979. Your ready response to an urgent appeal has helped us through a crisis period. However, we are still working on a considerable overdraft. Hence our Christmas Appeal. Do pray for us.

Under the challenging leadership of our new Federal Director, God has given us a vision of real evangelism expansion as we take a fresh look at the role of the Church Army in Australia.

The Burgmann Memorial (new Federal Office), College extensions for a larger student intake, and response in our varied ministries - have all added up to a year of real advancement in evangelism for the Kingdom of Christ.

But if we are to go on we need your continued support.

And I know we can count upon you, because you know the true meaning of Christmas and faithful Christian stewardship. In the words of St. Paul .....

"For you know the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that by His poverty, you might become rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9)

The Macedonians, in spite of their poverty, could not help giving, even beyond their means. We too must keep giving until God stops giving (John 3:16).

On behalf of the Board and Federal Office, let me thank you for your support and wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Roy Grace. Canon

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR CHRISTMAS APPEAL MAY BE SENT IN THE ATTACHED ENVELOPE

Hi! we are going to be commissioned

We (Phillip Jackson, Carol Tokley and Jenny Thomson) have been at the Church Army College of Evangelism for the past 2 years. We will be commissioned as Church Army Officers in January and go out into the field as evangelists.

Please pray for us as we prepare for this important step in our lives. We would be glad to have you join with us on our day in January, too, if you're in the Sydney area.

20th January, 1980, 10.30 a.m., St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney.

Admitted to Office of Evangelist by: the Right Rev. J.B.R. Grindrod, Bishop of Rockhampton (on behalf of the Primate)

Commissioned as Church Army Officers by: Captain G.A. Page, Federal Director

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

Following is a suggested Calendar of Prayer for use over a period of 5 days:

MONDAY

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH ARMY IN AUST.: The Most Rev. Sir Marcus Loane

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD: names on page 11.

THE SEVEN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

FEDERAL OFFICE:

Federal Director, Captain G.A. Page, Mrs. Page, Andrew, Katherine & Charis

Staff Sister, Sister P.A. Free

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TUESDAY

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Burwood Children's Home, Vic. - Sister N.J. Bridges

YOUTH WORK:

St. John's Hostel & St. John's Parish, Forbes, N.S.W. - Sister L. Bullard

Calrossy Girls' School, Tamworth, N.S.W. - Sister W. Ferguson

ASSOCIATE EVANGELIST:

Fremantle Prison, W.A. - the Rev. R.L. Gwilt, Mrs. Gwilt & Timothy

WEDNESDAY

ABORIGINAL WORK:

Yarrabah, Nth. Qld. - the Rev. Captain & Mrs. A. Malcolm, Andrew & Ruth

Woorabinda, Qld. - the Rev. Capt. N. Polgen

INDUSTRIAL EVANGELISM - N.S.W.:

Granville, Cabramatta, Homebush, Villawood & Fairfield - Captain D.O. Quayle

Yennora & Revesby - Captain D. Hinchliffe, Mrs. Hinchliffe, Andrew & Darren.

Kensington & Homebush - Sister P.A. Free

"ALTERNATE CULTURE" GROUPS EVANGELISM:

Binna Burra, N.S.W. - the Rev. Captain J. McKnight

RETIRED OFFICERS & WIDOWS:

The Rev. & Mrs. A.W. Batley
Sister G.A. Phillpot Sister E.N. Bacon
Mrs. C. Fisk Sister M. Pritchard
Sister E. Campbell

THURSDAY

AERIAL MINISTRY:

with part-time parish work, Lismore, N.S.W. - Captain & Mrs. K. Cullen, Anthony and Belinda

PARISH EVANGELISM:

NEW SOUTH WALES:

Epping - Sister L. Russell
Lithgow - Captain T. Brooks
Lightning Ridge - Captain & Mrs. L. Fernance, Faith & Warren
Hurstville - Captain & Mrs. J. Harding
South Wagga - Captain M. Rogers

VICTORIA:

Kew - Captain C. Thiele

New Treasurer

We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Peter Evans as our new Honorary Treasurer, and as a member of our Executive Board.

He is a chartered accountant with a Sydney firm, and is also in charge of staff training for the company.

Peter has lived most of his life in the waterside suburb of Greenwich, and is quite involved in the Parish there. He is Parish Treasurer and Rector's Warden, taught Sunday School for a number of years and is now the Secretary, has been a member of the Choir for 12 years, and participates in Parish Bible studies and discussion groups.

WHAT ABOUT HIS SPARE TIME !

One would hardly imagine that Peter has much spare time, apart from his Parish commitments. However, he is also the District Commissioner for the Lane Cove District Scouts. This involves him in regular meetings, training of leaders, supervision of the standard of scouting, and visiting individual troops. Eight or nine years as leader of a sea scout troop included some sailing experience.

Peter attended North Sydney Technical Boys' High School, and is now Treasurer of the Old Boys' Union. The School is no longer in operation, but the Old Boys' Union has been active in preparing the way for the School Buildings to be classified by the National Trust recently.

Peter is obviously a very busy person, but he looks forward to serving God further through his involvement with the Church Army.

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planned and administered, through the Federal Director (Captain G.A. Page).

The Archbishop recalled a memorable visitor to Moore Theological College when he was a student there. The visitor was the late Captain John Cowland, Founder of the Church Army in Australia, who greatly impressed the student body, and was a vital and colourful personality in establishing the Society's evangelistic work in Australia.

The John Cowland Room is a fitting tribute, the Archbishop said, to the life and ministry of this man. The Room is a meeting and lecture room.

The new building also provides more facilities for the Church Army College of Evangelism, which will spread into the former Federal Office. With a larger number of students in College this year, and a promise of even more in the future, extra College space has become an urgent matter.

THANK YOU AGAIN TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HELPED MAKE THIS BUILDING A REALITY BY YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR SPECIAL APPEAL EARLIER THIS YEAR.